

Lion Ladies of Dist. 306C2 open Sridevi Preschool

Deshabandu Lion Sridevi Silva is the Chairperson of 'Sadam Charika' and Chief Patron of International Buddhist Centre (IBC) in Wellawatte. Her spouse Lion H. Mervin Silva who is serving in the Cabinet of 306C2 this year as a District Coordinator ably assists her in all her humanitarian services.

IBC's Chief Incumbent Venerable Maharagama Mahinda is the advisor to the social service programme of 'Sadam Charika' and IBC Patrons who share the distinction of constructing one of the first Tsunami Rebuilding housing complexes named 'Sadam Sevana' on land donated by a great philanthropist of Panadura, Lion M.S.P. Gunaratne.

President Mahinda Rajapakse (then Prime Minister) laid the foundation stone in January 2005, and today the apartment



Registration of little ones by Project Chairperson, Lady Lion Sridevi Silva. Looking on are Chief Incumbent of Malamulla Sri Sudharshana Temple Ven. Morakandegoda Dhammarathana Thera, Chief Incumbent of Wellawatte International Buddhist Centre Ven. Maharagama Mahinda Thera, District Governor, Lion Dr. Priyanka Beddevithana, and First Lady Lion Lalani Beddevithana. Pictures by Beverley Jansz.

ham Sevana' enjoyed the gift of a Preschool on 19th March. Many have assisted Lion



Lighting of the oil lamp by District Governor, 306 C2, Lion Dr. Priyanka Beddevithana, First Lady Lion Lalani Beddevithana, Project Chairperson, Lady Lion Sridevi Silva, and District Programme Coordinator, Lion H. Mervin Silva.



First Lady Lion Lalani Beddevithana presents a audio system to the teacher-in-charge of Sridevi Pre-school. declared open the Preschool, named after its founder as Sridevi Preschool.

Lions Past Governors honoured

The Month of February is a very important month the world over in the Lionistic calendar.

This is a month dedicated to honour Past Leaders of the movement who have contributed their valuable time, resources and energy, towards uplifting the lives of the underprivileged. To commemorate this great event Zone chairperson of Zone 7 of Region 4 of District 306 B1 Lion Dr. Seba Jayamaha organized a Zonal Felicitation of the Past District Governors namely Past International Director Lion Chuck Wijenathen, PMCC Lion Chitral Amaratunga, PMCC Lion Mohan De Silva, PDG Lion S. Sivapathasantharam, PMCC Lion S. Sivananthan and PDG Lion Sarath Gunasekera at his residence in Wattala. The members and their families of the four Clubs in his zone consisting of the Lions Clubs of Wattala, Wattala City, Wattala North and Mahole attended this unique felicitation.

In keeping with the Lions Clubs International President Lion Mahendra Amarasinghe's theme "Challenge to Change" these four clubs held a joint meeting for the first time. This type of innovative thinking is encouraged by the District Governor Lion S. Raghavan as this leads to maintaining the good health of clubs as pointed out in his five point programme. Presidents of the four clubs carried out a project each to mark the occasion.



At the felicitation ceremony, Vice District Governor candidate, Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe (right) initiated the donation of a wheel chair to Lion Balakrishnan of Lions Club of Manipay, whose leg was amputated. The wheelchair was donated by the Lions Clubs of Wattala City President, Lion Dinesh Perera (extreme left). At centre is past council chairman, Lions Sivananthan.

Seminar on child and women abuse and drug awareness

A seminar on child and women abuse and drug awareness was organised by the Lions Club of Kelaniya.

It was held at Welikada Prison and attended by inmates of the Women's ward. Chief Guest was District Governor, 306B2, Lion

Mahesh Pasqual. Lectures were delivered by Chief Inspector of Women's Bureau, Balachandra and Police Inspector Samaras-



Major General, Lion Chandrawansa, Past District Governor 306B2, Lion Anura Perera, District Governor, 306B2, Lion Mahesh Pasqual, Lion Ajith Perera and Prisons Commissioner General, Major General Vajira Wijewardene.



Little ones of the inmates of the Women's Ward welcoming guests.



District Governor, 306B2, Lion Mahesh Pasqual delivering a lecture at the seminar organised by the Lions Club of Kelaniya District 306B2.

Dist. 306 A2 - Essay Contest Awards ceremony

Drug abuse continues to plague young people in the Asia and the Pacific region, a generation that feed on instant gratification and immediate achievements. Many are trying to climb the long ladder looking for short-cuts and hoping for good luck.

However, as the saying goes, success is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration. Only hard work and determination can take you to the

top. But, the good news is that you are not climbing alone. There are many others who are also climbing the long ladder and we should reach the top together.

Thus, the Colombo Plan is confident that youths being the future assets and of any country, if equipped with knowledge, skills and right attitude, can effectively cope with the many current challenges, said Patricia Yoon-MO CHIA, Secretary General, Colombo Plan Sec-

retariat who was the Guest of Honour at the award's ceremony held at Global Towers Hotel, Wellawatte.

Youths have the zest and potential to take up vital leadership role in drug abuse prevention. They must be at the forefront in the programmes that educate, guide and motivate them to be good models to others. Living in an era of fast changing global trends, youths have to make choices, the right choices, as one bad



The prize winners with Chief Guest - District Governor 306A2, Lion Kamal Seneviratne, First Lady Lion Delruetha Seneviratne, Guest-of-Honour, Secretary General, Colombo Plan Patricia Yoon Chia, Project Chairman, Lion S. Ramachandra and officials of the Colombo Plan.



Chief Guest District Governor 306A2, Lion Kamal Seneviratne addressing the gathering. Pix by Beverley Jansz.

Lions Club of Avissawella/Seethawaka celebrates 22nd Charter

Lions Club of Avissawella/Seethawaka a very senior club in the Lions District 306B2, celebrated its 22nd charter at the Kolonne River Side Grand Hotel, Avissawella with the participation of a large number of clubs of the Lions District. More than 300 Lions and Lion Ladies from Colombo, Gampaha, Kurunegala and Anuradhapura Districts participated at this function in which the District Governor, District 306 B2, Lion Mahesh Pasqual MJP was the Chief Guest, eight Past District Governors and their Lion Ladies were the Guests of Honour.

This club from the historic city of Seethawaka also announced the candidature of one of its senior Lions, Kingsley Bernard for the office of Vice District Governor for the Lionistic year 2008/2009. Lion Kingsley Bernard is a veteran marketer and a well-known management consultant who headed the National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) as its President in two consecutive years 2005 and 2006. He was also the Chairman of the Joint Business Forum (J-Biz) succeeding Lions International President Mahendra Amarasinghe. Mr. Bernard counts more than 25 years of experience in the corporate sector holding top management positions both in the public and private organisations in the country.



Vice District Governor, Lion P. Jayarajan inducts new Lions. Lion Kingsley Bernard is also in the picture.

Lions donate spectacles and wheelchairs

A service project sponsored by Deputy Cabinet Secretary 306B1 Lion Priyantha Fernando, and organised by Deepaloka Welfare Association, Balagala, Hendala was held at Ashokarama Temple Balagala Hendala recently, to distribute spectacles and wheelchairs to the needy. At this project over 150 spectacles were distributed to the needy.



Deputy Cabinet Secretary District 306B1 Lion Priyantha Fernando (fourth from left) at the eye clinic and donation of wheel-chairs. Chief Incumbent of the Ashokarama Temple Balagala Ven. Batagalle Pannakitti Thera, President of the Deepaloka Welfare Association Balagala Nimal Perera, Secretary Linus Pinto, Treasurer Indu Liyanage, Vice Treasurer Jayamall Pothupitiya, Audit Trewin Jayawardene, Vice President Bertram Grand, Vice Patron Upali de Silva and the officials were also present. Pic: Nimal Perera, Wattala group corr.

Multi Service Mega Project by Wattala City Lions

Following International President Lion Mahendra Amarasinghe's theme "Challenge to change", Lions District 306 B-1, zone seven, Lions Club of Wattala City organised a Multi-Service Mega Project in cooperation with the Sapumal Uyana Welfare Society, Makola, jointly with Lions Club of Mahole.

The project turned out to be a big success judging from the large crowd that flocked to receive treatment free of charge.

It was held last Sunday at Bataalade Refinery Housing Scheme grounds Makola.

Project Chairman was Wattala City Club Treasurer, Lion Nadeera Goonerwardene. The project included Eye screening,



Medical Camp and Road Safety Camp conducted by Sapugaskanda police, in progress. District Governor, 306 B1 Lion S. Raghavan, Zone Chairman, Lion Dr. Seba Jayamaha, Project Chairman, Lion Nadeera Gunawardene, Mahole Lions Clubs President, Lion Ranjith Perera, Wattala North Lions Club President, Lion Sharmendra Gunasekera, Lion Mahesh Perera, Lady Lion Shanali de Silva and Lady Lion Suhari Cabraal were present.



Wattala City Lions Club President, Lion Dinesh Perera presents a pair of spectacles to a needy person. Looking on are project chairman, Lion Nadeera Gunawardene, Lady Lion Shanali de Silva, Lady Lion Suhari Cabraal, Lady Lion Thelma Cabraal and Lion Anton James. Pictures by Beverley Jansz.

and treatments, and free supply of the Ayurveda medicines. Chief Guest was 306 B1, District Governor, Lion S. Raghavan, Zone Chairman

B. P. Windana, Lion Anesley Mychael, Lion Anton James, Mahole Lions Club President, Lion Ranjith Perera, Secretary Lady Lion Shanali de Silva, Lady Lion Sulasy Cabraal, Lady Lion Thelma Cabraal.

Special Invitees were Vice District Governor candidate, Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe and his Lady Lion Dr. Anoma Wijesinghe, Wattala North President, Lion Shemendra Gunasekera and Lion Shane.

Wattala City Lions Club President, Lion Dinesh Perera, said that with the co-operation of the four clubs of zone seven of 306 B1, they have carried out a host of meaningful projects for the benefit of the underprivileged. His ambition is to make zone seven of District